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FOLLOWING REPEAT PEKING 0705 ACTION SECSTATE APR 12, 1977

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR, US

SUBJ: CODEL CODEL BRADEMAS/SCHWEIKER MEETING WITH VICE
PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN

REF: PEKING 690

1. SENIOR VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN MET WITH CODEL FOR TWO HOURS,
3 TO 5 P.M., APRIL 12 IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. AT START
OF SESSION LI SAID CHAIRMAN HUA HAD RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER AND HAD ASKED LI TO EXPRESS HIS THANKS AND TO ASK THE
DELEGATION TO BRING THE CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. HAVING ALREADY HEARD LONG EXPOSITIONS OF THE CHINESE WORLD VIEW
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IN TWO MEETINGS WITH PRC SPOKESMEN, THE CODEL MEMBERS TRIED FOR
TERSE EXCHANGES WITH LI ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC ISSUES. LI, WHO
SEEMED TIRED, MORE OR LESS WENT ALONG WITH THIS APPROACH BUT HIS
RESPONSES WERE STANDARD FARE.

3. HE TREATED NORMALIZATION QUESTION IN GENERALLY THE SAME
MANNER AS HUANG HUA HAD DONE THE DAY BEFORE, BUT ADDED A

REFERENCE TO THE U.S. "DEBT." HE NOTED THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE IS THE INTERNATIONAL ONE, BUT THAT ON THE BILATERAL ISSUE OF TAIWAN "OUR MINDS ARE MADE UP LIKE GRANITE."

4. SENATOR SCHWEIKER RAISED PROBLEM OF FALLOUT IN THE U.S. FROM PRC NUCLEAR TESTS CONDUCTED IN CERTAIN ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AND ASKED THAT PRC TAKE ACCOUNT OF ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS WHEN DECIDING ON TIMES TO TEST. LI MAY NOT HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS ISSUE; AT ANY RATE HE WAS NOT RESPONSIVE.

5. JUST AFTER EXCHANGE ON THE NUCLEAR TESTING QUESTION, WHICH CAME NEAR THE END OF THE SESSION, LI DELIVERED A LITTLE LECTURE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATING ON MAJOR ISSUES (IN SUM, THE SOVIET THREAT). SEVERAL CHINESE OFFICIALS ATTENDING USLO DINNER AFTERWARDS TOOK A SIMILAR LINE, AND NANCY TANG COMMENTED TO NSC STAFF MEMBER OKSENBERG THAT NORMALIZATION IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN OUR RELATIONS.

6. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS OF CODEL'S MEETING WITH LI BY SEPTTEL. GATES UNQTE VANCE

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